



The little children of Jacinta Kleuterschool give a big thank you to the Wyndham Resort management staff.

The children of the Jacinta Kleuterschool (Kindergarten) in the Dakota section of Aruba had a clean, freshly painted, and repaired school to attend this year thanks to the management staff of the Wyndham Aruba Resort, Spa & Casino. With only a few days remaining before the beginning of the school year, the school staff found it was having some difficulty with those originally contracted to paint the buildings. A request for help from the resort was made to provide some staff from the engineering department to assist in finishing the project in time for new sessions. Wyndham General Manager Rob Smith reports that when the request was presented during the weekly management strategy sessions, the general reaction was “Hey, they only have ten days left until school, and there are forty of us [management staff] let’s just go out and knock it out in a day.” It actually took three days of concentrated effort to complete the work, including completing removing and refurbishing the bars that protect the windows, the roof and quite a bit of other maintenance, so that the job was done properly. Every member of the management staff and about thirteen line level employees donated their time, and the hotel provided most of the brushes and utensils.

The Wyndham staff received their reward for their hard work on Friday morning when the young voices of the children of Jacinta School resounded in unison with a boisterous “Masha Danki” to Rob Smith and other staff members. Jacinta Principal Betty Salas and the teachers lead the young students in a school song, and Rob Smith was presented with a beautiful plaque consisting of drawings by the children, in gratitude for the efforts of the Wyndham Management Staff. “Today was the most rewarding day of this project, to see all the kids and how happy they are to have a great environment to grow up in and learn in,” confessed Rob, “this plaque will have an honored place in the employee cafeteria, so that all those that donated their time can enjoy it.”

Greta De Cuba, Employee Relations Coordinator of the Wyndham Resort thanked the children on behalf of all the staff and Principal Salas expressed thanks to the Parent’s Commission and SKOA for their assistance in completing this project. Rob Smith reports that the interiors have yet to be done, and though they offered, the school staff declined as there was not enough time. He proposes they will very likely return to finish the job at a future time.